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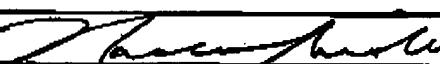
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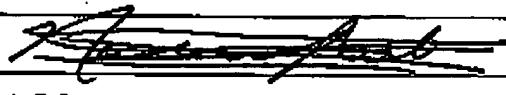
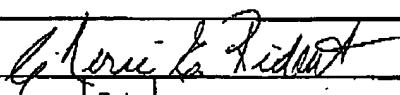
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
2,560.00

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

		Small Entity
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)		50
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)		200
Multiple dependent claims		360

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
27	- 20 or HP = 7	x 50.00	= 350.00

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
5	- 3 or HP = 2	x 200.00	= 400.00

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Fee (\$)	Small Entity
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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